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**In re application:** Tetsuya Shibata, et al.      **Examiner:** Unknown

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**For:**      **COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD, AND STORAGE  
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 1.97, Applicant herewith submits the publications and/or patents shown on the attached form PTO-1449, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

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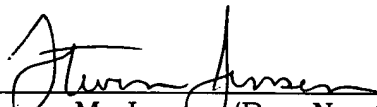


It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

Should any other fee be associated with the submission of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Respectfully submitted,

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)
